

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by *Smith*, U.S. Pat. No. 7,117,504. Claims 1 and 13 have been amended.

Claim 1 now recites various steps prior to determining a first service interface subclass corresponding to the client request. These include creating a parent process that accesses a configuration file which contains service definitions, a service load indicator, and server socket data. A child process is also created along with multiple worker threads within a child process. The claim now recites that the worker thread operates in an infinite loop and enters a cross-process section. The worker thread calls an accept function of a request socket to obtain a client connection. Support for these limitations may be found, for example, at page 10 of the specification. The *Smith* reference does not disclose or show these claimed limitations.

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

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